

## COUNTY PROFILE

Prince George's County was officially chartered by the Maryland General Assembly on April 23, 1696. It was named in honor of Prince George of Denmark, husband of Princess Anne, the heir to the British throne. From those colonial beginnings, Prince George's County has grown to become the second largest jurisdiction in the State of Maryland (and the third largest in the metropolitan Washington area); its population is greater than that of six states. In 1996, the County proudly celebrated its three hundredth anniversary.

Form of Government .....	Charter Home Rule (established 1970)
Executive Branch.....	Elected County Executive
Legislative Branch .....	Nine-Member County Council Elected by Councilmanic District
Incorporated Municipalities .....	27
Land Area (square miles) .....	487
Population	
Municipality Total (2000).....	213,795
County Total (2000).....	801,515
County Total (2010 M-NCPPC Forecast).....	852,387
Racial/Ethnic Mix (2000)	
Black .....	62.7%
White .....	27.0%
Other .....	10.3%
Hispanic (regardless of race).....	7.1%
Resident Employment (2002-Maryland Department of Labor Estimate).....	441,565
Per Capita Income (2000) .....	\$23,360
Selected Public Facilities	
Miles of Paved Roads .....	2,565
District Police Stations.....	6
Fire Stations .....	47
Emergency Medical Units .....	56
Parks/Recreation Facilities (including subunits) .....	522
Multi-Purpose Senior Centers .....	8
Libraries .....	20
Public Schools	
Elementary Schools .....	131
Middle Schools .....	28
High Schools.....	23
Special Centers .....	12
Public School Enrollment 2002 (projected) .....	133,375
County Government Workforce (full-time positions)	
General Fund.....	4,980
All Funds.....	5,894